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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, August 9, 1864.

Concerning Muster of Recruits for New Organizations.

The restriction preventing Mustering Officers (including Provost Marshals of enrolment districts) from mustering in recruits for new organizations is removed, and such recruits will be mustered in by Mustering Officers, as provided for recruits for old organizations, and will be sent to the same rendezvous, and guarded and provided for in the same manner. The regiment, or independent organization, for which the men are mustered in, must be designated on the muster-in rolls, (the four copies of which are disposed of as usual,) but the recruits will be organized into companies by the commanding officer of the general rendezvous at which the regiment may be assembled. As soon as organized into companies, the commanding officer of the general rendezvous will make out muster and descriptive rolls, by companies (the field and staff on a separate roll,) of the whole regiment, which will be signed and certified to by him, showing that all the men have been duly mustered in, and are organized as required by orders and regulations, and giving the amount of bounty, advance pay, &c., each man has received; these rolls will be made in quadruplicate and disposed of as provided for muster-in rolls. These rolls of the regiment will contain the names of all men rejected, died, discharged, &c., so as to be a complete and full record of the regiment; they will be evidence of muster-in and proper organization.

Advance bounty will not be paid by the United States until these company rolls are made out, so that payment can be entered on them. The attention of all Mustering Officers is invited to Paragraph 85, Muster Regulations. Company officers will not be mus-

tered in until companies are organized, and the field and staff not until the regiment is organized, as explained in that paragraph.

The muster in of each man will be from his date of enlistment, and he will be discharged at the expiration of the period for which he is mustered in.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR :

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